

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
June 14, 2006 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Needham Bateman, DVM, President
Jim Brett, DVM
Hugh Hill, DVM
Jan Hines, DVM
Becky Malphus, DVM
Charles Lance

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Susan Hewett, Board Secretary
Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General/Board Attorney
DeAnna Bedard, GVTAA

President Bateman established that a quorum was present, and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30a.m. was **called to order** at 9:31 a.m.

Minutes from the April 12, 2006 meeting: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Ratify list of newly issued licenses: Dr. Hines made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of newly issued licenses.

License Number	Name	License Type
VET007415	Arbo, Robert Jason	Veterinarian
VET007416	Yanchunis, James Adam	Veterinarian
VET007417	Alworth, Leanne Christine	Veterinarian
VET007418	Dutta, Sarah R	Veterinarian
VET007419	Pierce, Kenneth E., Jr.	Veterinarian
VET007420	Schultz, Linda Black	Veterinarian
VET007421	Nancarrow, Richard Lee	Veterinarian
VET007422	Chafkin, Tabatha A.	Veterinarian
VET007423	Montgomery, Diedre Michelle	Veterinarian
VET007424	Slade, Elizabeth Ann	Veterinarian
VET007425	Andrews, Chad Michael	Veterinarian
VET007426	Batstone, Tracy Ann	Veterinarian
VET007427	Camus, Melinda Sue	Veterinarian
VET007428	Addante, Kari Ann	Veterinarian
VET007429	Amis, Shayla Adrianna	Veterinarian
VET007430	Bishop, Valerie L	Veterinarian
VET007431	Braver, Melissa Robin	Veterinarian
VET007432	Butt, Allison Lee	Veterinarian
VET007433	Cameron, Cristina J	Veterinarian

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VET007434	Campbell, Dean Allen	Veterinarian
VET007435	Carriere, Margaret Louise	Veterinarian
VET007436	Carson, Donna Moore	Veterinarian
VET007437	Cooper, Sarah Ann	Veterinarian
VET007438	Creighton, Alison K	Veterinarian
VET007439	Dahlgren, Katherine Alexandra	Veterinarian
VET007440	Delvecchio, Joseph Victor	Veterinarian
VET007441	Dempsey, Suzanne Marie	Veterinarian
VET007442	Edwards, Thomas Howard	Veterinarian
VET007443	Elliott, Karinda M	Veterinarian
VET007444	Faggioni, Christopher M	Veterinarian
VET007445	Feldman, Riva Beth	Veterinarian
VET007446	Franco, Janine Ivana	Veterinarian
VET007447	Gelb, Hylton Rael	Veterinarian
VET007448	Gregory, Casey D	Veterinarian
VET007449	Gronefeld, Stacy Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007450	Halminski, Stephanie Joy	Veterinarian
VET007451	Hartridge, Elizabeth Brodie	Veterinarian
VET007452	Hopkins, Jessie Carver	Veterinarian
VET007453	Hubbard, Anna Marie	Veterinarian
VET007454	Jordan, Katherine Diane	Veterinarian
VET007455	King, Jason Brantley	Veterinarian
VET007456	Kleine, Kristopher Norman	Veterinarian
VET007457	Leathers, Clayton Monroe	Veterinarian
VET007458	Lucero, Melanie Currin	Veterinarian
VET007459	Ludlow, Deborah Suzanne	Veterinarian
VET007460	Mackey, Elizabeth Ballard	Veterinarian
VET007461	Mallett, Courtney Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007462	McFarland, Kristen Remlinger	Veterinarian
VET007463	Miller, Holly Catherine	Veterinarian
VET007464	Morris, Richard Allen	Veterinarian
VET007465	Parthasarathy, Valli	Veterinarian
VET007466	Place, Amanda Satriano	Veterinarian
VET007467	Roberts, Amanda Jean	Veterinarian
VET007468	Sahora, Alexandra Isabel	Veterinarian
VET007469	Sams, Lisa Michelle	Veterinarian
VET007470	Seabolt, Meghan Erin	Veterinarian
VET007471	Sledge, Dodd Gray	Veterinarian
VET007472	Smychkovich, Olga G	Veterinarian

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VET007473	Somers, Laura Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET007474	Sturkie, Shannon Kinerly	Veterinarian
VET007475	Thornburg, Katherine Louise	Veterinarian
VET007476	Tidd, Michele Andree	Veterinarian
VET007477	Tolbert, Mary Katherine	Veterinarian
VET007478	Van der Westhuizen, Stephanie Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET007479	Veitch, Gavin Michael	Veterinarian
VET007480	Whitfield-Cargile, Canaan	Veterinarian
VET007481	Whitaker, Lisha Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007482	Whittal, Carly Regina	Veterinarian
VET007483	Williams, Jarred Mathew	Veterinarian
VET007484	Williamson, Shawn Louis	Veterinarian
VET007485	Willis, Amy Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET007486	Wise, Lauren Nicole	Veterinarian
VET007487	Womack, Sarah Rebecca	Veterinarian
VET007488	Yetzina, Laura Ann	Veterinarian
VET007489	Logan, Lori Allison	Veterinarian
VET007490	Jennings, Leisa Michelle	Veterinarian
VET007491	Grba, Amanda Leigh	Veterinarian
VET007492	Braly, Kelly Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET007493	Cook, Wesley J	Veterinarian
VET007494	Greendorfer, Jessica Samit	Veterinarian
VET007495	Potter IV, Thomas Mitchell	Veterinarian
VET007496	Valentine, Christina Marie	Veterinarian
VET007497	Vega-de la Cruz, Carla Adilen	Veterinarian
VET007498	Weldon, Nicholas Loyal	Veterinarian
VET007499	Giglio, Tracey Michelle	Veterinarian
VET007500	Reed, Whitney Hovland	Veterinarian
VET007501	Ferguson, Nicole Hazel	Veterinarian
VET007502	Hocutt, Aimee LaRoche	Veterinarian
VET007503	McAlister, Amber Celeste	Veterinarian
VET007504	Reynolds, Karyn Margaret	Veterinarian
VET007505	Zambriski, Jennifer Ann	Veterinarian
VET007506	Bateman-Baxley, Carrie Lee	Veterinarian
VET007507	Amari, Natasha Maria	Veterinarian
VETF000478	Sum, Steffen Otto	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000479	Woldemariam, Moges W.	Veterinary Faculty

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VETF000480	Sherlock, Ceri Elinor	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000481	Camus, Alvin C.	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000482	Driskell, Elizabeth Ann	Veterinary Faculty
VETT000753	Dimarco, Audrey Meredith	Veterinary Technician
VETT000754	Utrup, Erin Catherine	Veterinary Technician
VETT000755	Rose, Vanessa J.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000756	Bates, Georgina	Veterinary Technician
REINSTATEMENTS		
VET004916	Mann, John Gregory	Veterinarian
VET003553	Hall, Rebecca Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET006696	Parnes, Mary Alisan	Veterinarian
VET006459	Cukrowicz, Christine E.	Veterinarian
VET003902	Cochran, Elizabeth A.	Veterinarian

Board Rule 700-14 – Consider vote to post: Dr. Hines made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to post the rule.

Chapter 700-14

SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

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700-14-.01 Immediate Supervision.

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and in visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.
- (2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia-licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under immediate supervision:

(a) Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of the tooth or the resectioning of bone;

(b) Surgical assistance.

700-14-.02 Direct Supervision.

(1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision

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and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under direct supervision:

(a) Euthanasia;

(b) Blood or blood component collection and preparation for transfusion;

(c) Administration of blood or blood components to animal patients;

(d) Application of splints and slings;

(e) Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;

(f) Maintenance of anesthesia; and

(g) Assisting any duly licensed veterinarian in the measuring of quantities of medication, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs.

700-14-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia-licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;

(b) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;

(c) Intravenous catheterizations;

(d) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;

(e) Collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of urine by expression, cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods for diagnostic purposes;

(f) Routine laboratory test procedures; and

(g) Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials.

(3) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia-licensed veterinarian may provide the following emergency animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

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(b) Resuscitative procedures;

(c) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;

(d) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases; and

(e) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

(4) Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment; and

(5) Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-14-.04 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit a veterinary technician to do the following:

(a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;

(b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;

(c) Perform surgery; or

(d) Administer a rabies vaccine to any official vaccinate.

Board Rule 700-16 – Consider vote to post: Dr. Hines made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to post the rule.

Chapter 700-16

SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES OF NON-REGISTERED PERSONNEL.

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700-16-.01 Immediate Supervision.

(1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.

(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under immediate supervision:

1. Radiology assistance;

2. Surgical assistance; and

3. Maintenance of anesthesia.

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700-16-.02 Direct Supervision.

(1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under direct supervision:

1. Dental procedures limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;

2. Intravenous catheterizations; and

3. Collection of blood; collection of feces; collection of urine by expression; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations.

4. Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;

700-16-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under indirect supervision:

1. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law, (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), except when in conflict with government regulations;

2. Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment;

3. Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-16-.04 Emergency Treatment.

(1) Under conditions of an emergency, non-registered personnel may render the following life-saving aid and treatment after identifying himself/herself as non-registered personnel:

(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

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(b) Administration of parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a Georgia licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;

(c) Resuscitative procedures;

(d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues; and

(e) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;

(f) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

700-16-.05 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit non-registered personnel to do the following:

(a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;

(b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;

(c) Perform surgery.

(d) Administer a rabies vaccine to an official vaccinate.

(e) Identify himself/herself as a Veterinarian Technician

Correspondence from Gina Sutton regarding dog groomers, pet stylists and bathers of dogs: Viewed as **informational**. The Board requested that a response be sent to Ms. Sutton that this matter is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Board and that the matter is being **referred to the Georgia Department of Agriculture**.

Correspondence from William A. Caudle, DVM regarding completion of conditions set forth from the North Carolina Board: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **deny** Dr. Caudle's request for termination of probation.

Correspondence from Christina Sias, DVM regarding licensure as a vet tech: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the curriculum and allow application by examination. Examination for Vet Tech licensure is **required**.

Miscellaneous:

- **Correspondence from Chip Pritchard, DVM regarding prescription drugs:** The Board requested that a response be sent to Dr. Pritchard that the practice as described in the letter is a violation of Georgia law, and that he must abide by all rules and law, and must have an established veterinary/client/patient relationship. **Refer to Pharmacy Board.**
- **Correspondence from Linda Smith at Georgia Veterinary Specialists regarding client confidentiality:** The Board requested that a response be sent to Ms. Smith that nothing in the rules and law addresses client confidentiality. **Refer to AVMA Code of Ethics** to develop office policies and procedures.

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Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Malphus and Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

D.T.W., DVM – Reinstatement application: Recommendation to **deny** reinstatement. Request clarification on Florida Board sanction. Board will review at the next meeting after receipt of clarification.

D.A., DVM – Reinstatement application: Recommendation to **deny** waiver of fee for reinstatement of license.

K.A.B. – Vet Tech applicant: Recommendation to **approve**

B.J.T. – Vet Tech applicant: Recommendation to **approve**

J.H.J. – Vet applicant: Recommendation to **approve**

W.H.D., DVM – Reinstatement application: Recommendation to **deny**

S.D.K. – Vet applicant – Recommendation to **deny**

L.L.L. – Reinstatement application: Recommendation to **approve**

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations regarding applications for licensure.

REPORTS:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director's Report:

- Discussed upcoming renewals
- Compliance staff funding

Needham Bateman, Cognizant Report: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member.

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
VET060041	Close
VET060044	Close with letter of concern
VET060045	Close
VET060051	Close with letter of concern
VET060052	Send for Peer Review
VET060053	Send for Peer Review
VET060056	Close
VET060058 & VET060102	Schedule for Investigative Interview in October
VET060064	Close with letter of concern

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VET060066	Send for Peer Review
VET060067	Close with letter of concern
VET060068	Close
VET060070	Close
VET060071	Assign to Dr. Hines as cognizant
VET060072	Refer to Enforcement
VET060073	Refer to AG for consent order
VET060074	Refer to AG for consent order
VET060075	Refer to AG for consent order
VET060076	Close
VET060079	Close
VET060083	Close

Hugh Hill, Cognizant Report: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member.

Case #	Recommendation
VET060013	Close
VET060017	Send for Peer Review
VET050089	Investigative Interview held - Close
VET060019	Investigative Interview held - Close

Amelia Baker, Board Attorney Report

- Updated on cases in her office
- **Private Consent Order on D.I.K., DVM:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **accept** the order.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2006 at 9:30 A.M. at the Veterinary College at the University of Georgia

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

***These minutes were approved at the August 23, 2006
Board meeting.***